



## Education Standards and Practices Board

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### MINUTES

Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Sakakawea Room, State Capitol

Bismarck, North Dakota

The Education Standard and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by board chair, Amy Benz. Board members present were Chris Douthit, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen. Doug Johnson was available at 1:00 pm. Laura Carney and Randy Gordon were also available at 1:00 pm via conference call. ESPB office staff present were Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk. Also present at meeting were Linda Edwards and Joe Westby from NDEA, Larry Klundt from ND Council of Educational Leaders, Carol and Lynn Davis from Turtle Mountain Community College, Doug Bahr and Jonathan Byers from the Attorney General's Office.

Kirk Welstad was not present for the board meeting.

Jack Rasmussen informed the board that he has accepted a position as Dean of Education at Weaver State in Utah. He and his family will be making the move in June.

A motion was made by Chris to approve the January conference call minutes as written. Second by Bev. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen.

The financial reports were given. The December financial statement showed \$24,628.75 in total revenue received, total expenses showed \$26,606.83, with the net income balance showing a **minus** \$1,978.08. The January financial statement showed \$38,641.18 in total revenue received, total expenses showed \$22,498.30, with a net income balance of \$16,142.88. The board was informed of a \$10,000 transfer that was made in January from checking into the money market account. A motion was made by Jack to approve the financial statements. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Dan Vainonen, Bev Sandness, Jack Rasmussen, Marianna Malm, Chris Douthit and Amy Benz.

Deb informed the board that the PAAC recommendation is **University of Mary's** standard regarding faculty load weakness had been met. A motion was made by Dan to accept the recommendation from PAAC. Second by Chris. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen.

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PAAC recommended that **Turtle Mountain Community College** (elementary education program) be granted initial approval w/stipulations. Some of the stipulations/conditions are to be addressed before the May 30, 2002 PAAC meeting and some through annual reports or at the next onsite visit. The Turtle Mountain Community College elementary education standard regarding experiences has not been met. A motion was made by Jack to accept the recommendation from PAAC. Second by Marianna. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Dan Vainonen, Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Bev Sandness, Marianna Malm and Jack Rasmussen.

Deb reported that PAAC recommended continuing approval w/stipulations to the **University of North Dakota** education programs. The ND standards for middle level and reading education were approved for granting national recognition in the 2000 NCATE/ND partnership review. A motion was made by Jack to grant approval to UND w/stipulations per the recommendations of PAAC. Second by Bev. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Jack Rasmussen, Marianna Malm, Chris Douthit, Dan Vainonen and Bev Sandness.

A motion was made by Bev to accept the recommendation from PAAC regarding **Valley City State University** be granted continuing approval w/stipulations. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Bev Sandness, Dan Vainonen, Chris Douthit, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen and Amy Benz.

Deb informed the board that the balance of the Goals 2000 Professional Development grant has been committed to supporting a session by Paula Bevans, February 15 and mentor/montee kits for the summer training.

#### **AM CASES**

##### **Blikre, Jared**

A motion was made by Bev to issue an initial, two-year license. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen. Mr. Blikre's license application was brought before the board because of his background check.

##### **Delorme, Greg**

Doug Bahr indicated that a letter had been sent to Mr. Delorme regarding the revocation of his license.

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**Gredesky, Megan**

A motion was made by Chris to issue an initial, two-year license. Second by Dan. Board members who voted yes were Dan Vainonen, Jack Rasmussen, Marianna Malm, Chris Douthit and Amy Benz. Bev Sandness voted not. Ms. Gredesky's license application was brought before the board because of her background check.

**Hecock, John**

After much discussion, a motion was made by Dan to issue an initial, two-year license. Second by Jack. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement were Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen. Mr. Hecock's license application was brought before the board because of his low GPA and Mayville State's GPA calculation. The board based their decision because Mayville State awarded/posted the degree and the GPA. At the next Mayville State approval visit, the board would like to have the college's credit transfer/waiver policy reviewed.

**Keily, Michael**

A motion was made by a Jack to suspend Mr. Keily's educator's license. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Dan Vainonen, Bev Sandness, Jack Rasmussen, Marianna Malm, Chris Douthit and Amy Benz. Mr. Keily's license was suspended due to a breach of contract. Mr. Keily was employed at Tappen Public Schools as a vocational education instructor. (NDCC 15.1-13-24)

**Keily, Michelle**

A motion was made by Chris to suspend Ms. Keily's educator's license. Second by Jack. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement were Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen. Ms. Keily's license was suspended due to a breach of contract. Ms. Keily was employed at Tappen Public Schools as an English and science instructor. (NDCC 15.1-13-24)

**Mootz, Jeff (FYI)**

Mr. Mootz's case file was an addition to the board agenda. Janet informed the board of possible sexual harassment allegations. A motion was made by Jack to start the request for inquiry process. Second by Chris. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Dan Vainonen, Bev Sandness, Jack Rasmussen, Marianna Malm, Chris Douthit and Amy Benz. Mr. Mootz was released from his contract by the Hillsboro Public School district. He was employed as a vocational education instructor.

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**Robinson, Heather**

A motion was made by Jack to issue an initial, two-year license. Second by Marianna. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen. Ms. Robinson's license application was brought before the board due to her background check.

**PM CASES**

**Eddy, Kurt (ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD)**

A motion was made by Bev to dismiss the case. Second by Randy. Motion carried. Administrative board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson and Bev Sandness. Mr. Eddy's license was brought before the board due to a code of ethics issue. Mr. Eddy is employed at Drake Public Schools as a superintendent.

**Kendall, James**

Jonathan Byers from the Attorney General's office presented additional case information for the board. A motion was made by Laura to revoke the license of Mr. Kendall. Mr. Kendall's license has expired; but information will be placed on the clearinghouse to alert other states of Mr. Kendall's criminal activity. Second by Doug. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Randy Gordon, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness and Dan Vainonen. Mr. Kendall's license was brought before the board due to sexual misconduct with a minor. Mr. Kendall was formerly employed with the Oakes school district as an English instructor and coach. (NDCC 15-36-15.1)

**Wolff, Harvey**

Jonathan Byers from the Attorney General's office presented additional case information for the board. A motion was made by Doug to revoke the Life certificate/license of Mr. Wolff. Second by Bev. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Dan Vainonen, Bev Sandness, Jack Rasmussen, Marianna Malm, Doug Johnson, Randy Gordon, Chris Douthit, Laura Carney and Amy Benz. Mr. Wolff's certificate/license was brought before the board due to sexual misconduct with a minor. Mr. Wolff was formerly employed with the Oakes school district as a physical education instructor and coach. (NDCC 15-36-15.1)

**Worrell, Alan**

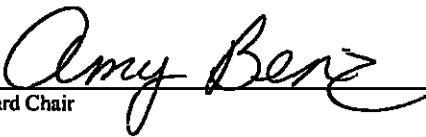
Jonathan Byers from the Attorney General's office presented additional case information for the board. A motion was made by Laura to revoke the license of Mr. Worrell. Second by Chris. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Laura Carney, Amy Benz, Randy Gordon, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm, Bev Sandness, Jack Rasmussen and Dan Vainonen. Mr.

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Worrell license was brought before the board due to sexual assault and corruption of minor allegations. He was formerly employed at Verona Public Schools as a social studies instructor and coach. (NDCC 15-36-15.1)

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm. The next board is scheduled for March 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be conducted by a conference call which will start at 1:00 0 pm.

  
Board Chair

  
Secretary/Executive Director

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